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	Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?
If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5
<111> year plan" filed with the FCC?

(yes / no) ☒ ☐
(yes / no) ☐ ☐

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line
<112> delineating the status of your company's existing \$ 54.202(a) "5 year
plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony
service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years,
your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a
CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only
required to address voice telephony service.

401709ar112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm
that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year
service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be
submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met
in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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Q For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line

30>

4797382121 ext.

Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line

30>

joeshrum@madisoncounty.net

Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report

voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior

Offered only fixed voice

calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for

any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

0.0

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report

fixed-line user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in

Offered only fixed broadband

a prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated

an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.

Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband

0.0

Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability

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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

401709ar1010.pdf

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

401709ar1030.pdf

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**Lifeline****Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public WebsiteHTTP www.madisoncounty.net

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation		FCC Form 481
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support

<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.

<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.

<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?

<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-

<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued) Data Collection Form Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

Yes - Attach Certification

Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

401709ar3010.pdf

Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

Yes - Attach New Community Anchors

Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

401709ar3012.pdf

Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}

(Yes/No)

☒ ☐

If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

☒ ☐

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports

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Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

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Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

401709ar3017.pdf

If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

☐ ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

either a copy of their audited financial statement; or

☐

2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS

Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

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Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by an independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

Copy of their financial statement which has been

☐

subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format

comparable to RUS Operating Report for

Telecommunications Borrowers

Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

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Underlying information subjected to an officer

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

ral Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

t Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

s Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

nt certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas.

Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

Participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they have previously deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond to Line 4002 (yes – new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

A, please provide a response for 4003B.

Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the participant has previously begun providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

Provide a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the date immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Provide evidence demonstrating that the participant is meeting the relevant public service obligations at the identified locations. Materials should detail the pricing, offered broadband service, and usage allowances available in the geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

**Certification - Reporting Carrier
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Lifelink Certifications,</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Lifelink Certifications,
Name of Reporting Carrier:	MADISON COUNTY TEL
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Tom Shrum
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Secretary
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	4797382121 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	401709 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	MADISON COUNTY TEL
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	Lifelink Certifications,
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/27/2016
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Lifelink Certifications, LLC
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	4794955881 ext.
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Attachments

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 <701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date |

<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

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(800) Operating Companies
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	MADCO Holding Company
<812>	Operating Company	Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.

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CONFIRMATION

Congratulations. Your filing has been successfully certified.

Filing 1 was successfully certified on Mon 27 Jun 16 02:28:54 PM EDT by tomshrum@madisoncounty.net .

SAC : 401709

498 ID : 143002265

Carrier Name : MADISON COUNTY TEL

Program Year : 2017

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address on record for your user ID. Please email USAC at HCCERTS@USAC.ORG if you do not receive this email within 24 hours.

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2016 Progress Report

For Madison County Telephone Company

401709

In its USF / ICC Transformation Order and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC " or "Commission") requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit a five-year build-out plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) for the Commission's Rules by July 1, 2014 and to submit annual progress reports thereafter. Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) states in part that ETCs are to submit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its proposed service area. Each ETC shall estimate the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories". Madison County Telephone Company ("MADCO") is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and submitted its five-year network improvement plan in the 2015 submission, which was filed in June 2014. MADCO now submits its SECOND Progress report in this, 2017 submission.

This progress report will focus on the activities that have transpired since the 2015 Progress Report was submitted and which are planned to transpire during the remainder of 2016. As a point of reference and for historical purposes, MADCO will include the original 5-year plan filed in the 2015 Submission and the 2015 Progress Report.

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Estimated Federal Support for 2016 – (114)

Per the Universal Service Administration Corporation's (USAC) Third Quarter 2016 projected support, MADCO estimates their support funds in the following manner:

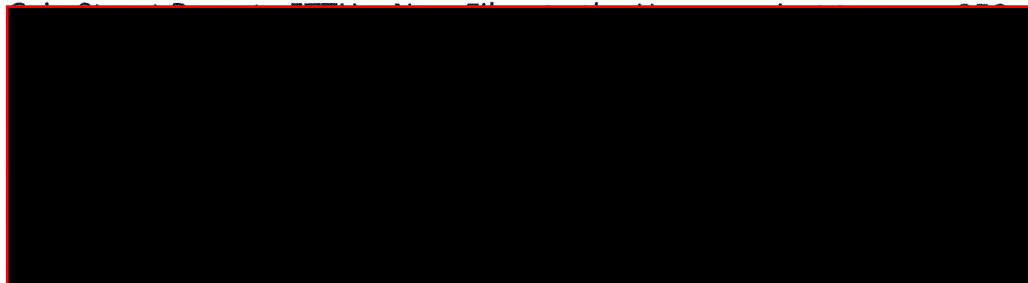
Connect America ICC Annual Support:	\$ 856,920
High Cost Loop Support Annual Support:	\$ 1,118,892
Interstate Common Line Annual Support:	\$ 995,424
Safety Net Additive Annual Support:	\$ <u>0</u>
Total Estimated Annual Support:	\$ 2,971,236

Summary of 2016 Progress – (115), (116), (117)

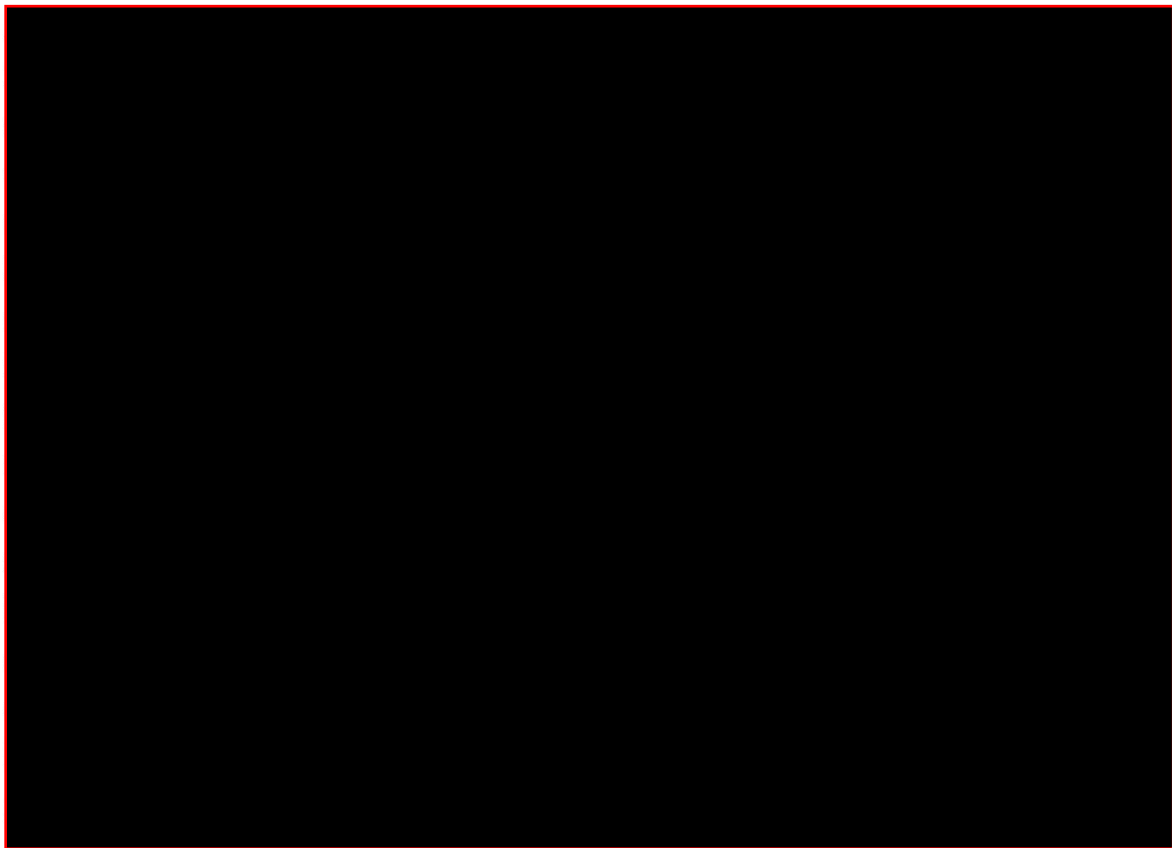
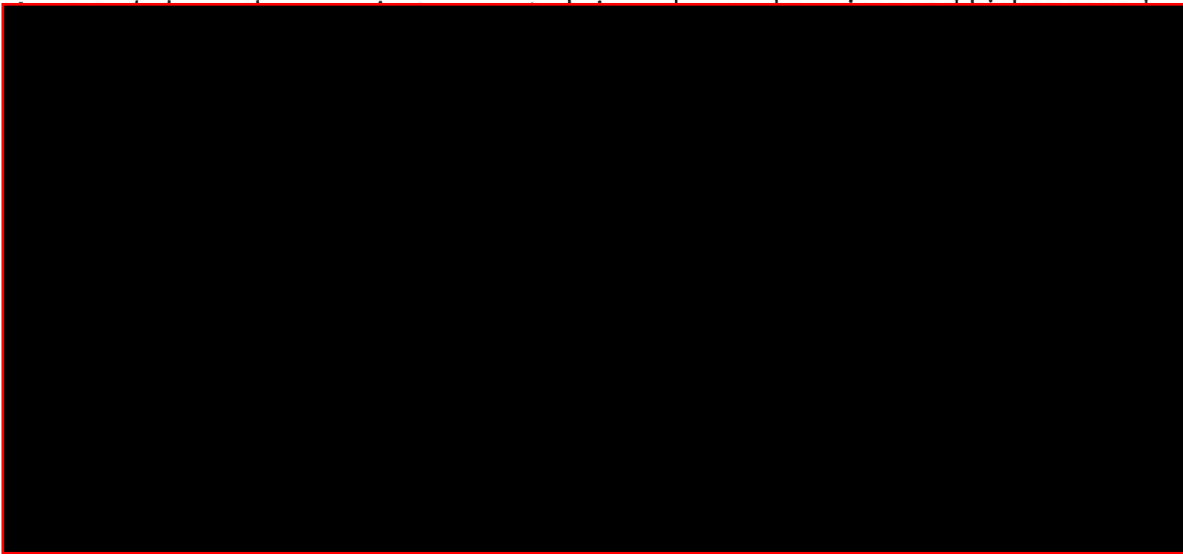
As stated in the 2015 filing, and now updated in this 2016 Progress Report, which was also detailed the 5-year plan, MADCO's plans for 2015 activity included two (2) major projects and general serving area improvements to be completed by December 2015. The major projects established are as follows:

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These projects were listed in the original 5 Year Plan.

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Explanation of network improvement targets not met – (118)

MADCO reports that no targets were left unmet in the prior calendar year.

Map detailing its progress toward meeting its plan targets – (113)

Attachment A – reflects a network map showing the construction project, Cain Street, which was completed. The Amber Street Rebuild, which is currently under construction and the North Harris Street Rebuild, which is also under construction. The Liberty 1 and Liberty 2 project service area. This map shows the entire Cain Street project and details the area currently completed as well as the areas still under construction. Per the FCC instructions, companies are to provide a map reflecting progress made on network improvement targets. Other than general improvements in all MADCO serving areas, the main construction of the two projects are described above. These projects are scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2016.

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Historical 2015 Progress Report Submitted in 2016

For Madison County Telephone Company

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In its USF / ICC Transformation Order and subsequent Orders, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC " or "Commission") requires Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") to submit a five-year build-out plan in a manner consistent with Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) for the Commission's Rules by July 1, 2014 and to submit annual progress reports thereafter. Section 54.202(a)(1)(ii) states in part that ETCs are to submit a five-year plan that describes with specificity proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its proposed service area. Each ETC shall estimate the area and population that will be served as a result of the improvements.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories". Madison County Telephone Company ("MADCO") is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and submitted its five-year network improvement plan in the 2015 submission, which was filed in June 2014. MADCO now submits its first Progress report in this, 2016 submission.

This progress report will focus on the activities that have transpired to-date in funding year 2015 as well as activities which are planned to transpire during the remainder of 2015. As a point of reference and for historical purposes, MADCO will include the original 5-year plan filed in the 2015 Submission.

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Estimated Federal Support for 2015 – (114)

Per the Universal Service Administration Corporation's (USAC) Third Quarter 2015 projected support, MADCO estimates their support funds in the following manner:

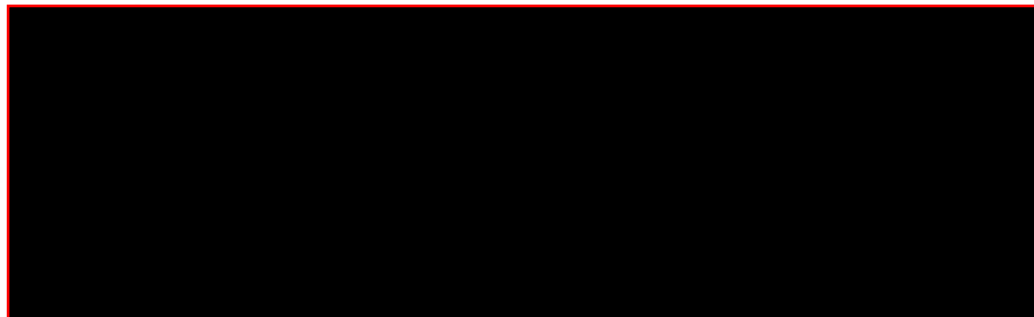
Connect America ICC Annual Support:	\$ 1,013,388
High Cost Loop Support Annual Support:	\$ 918,156
Interstate Common Line Annual Support:	\$ 993,504
Safety Net Additive Annual Support:	\$ 137,064
Total Estimated Annual Support:	\$ 3,062,112

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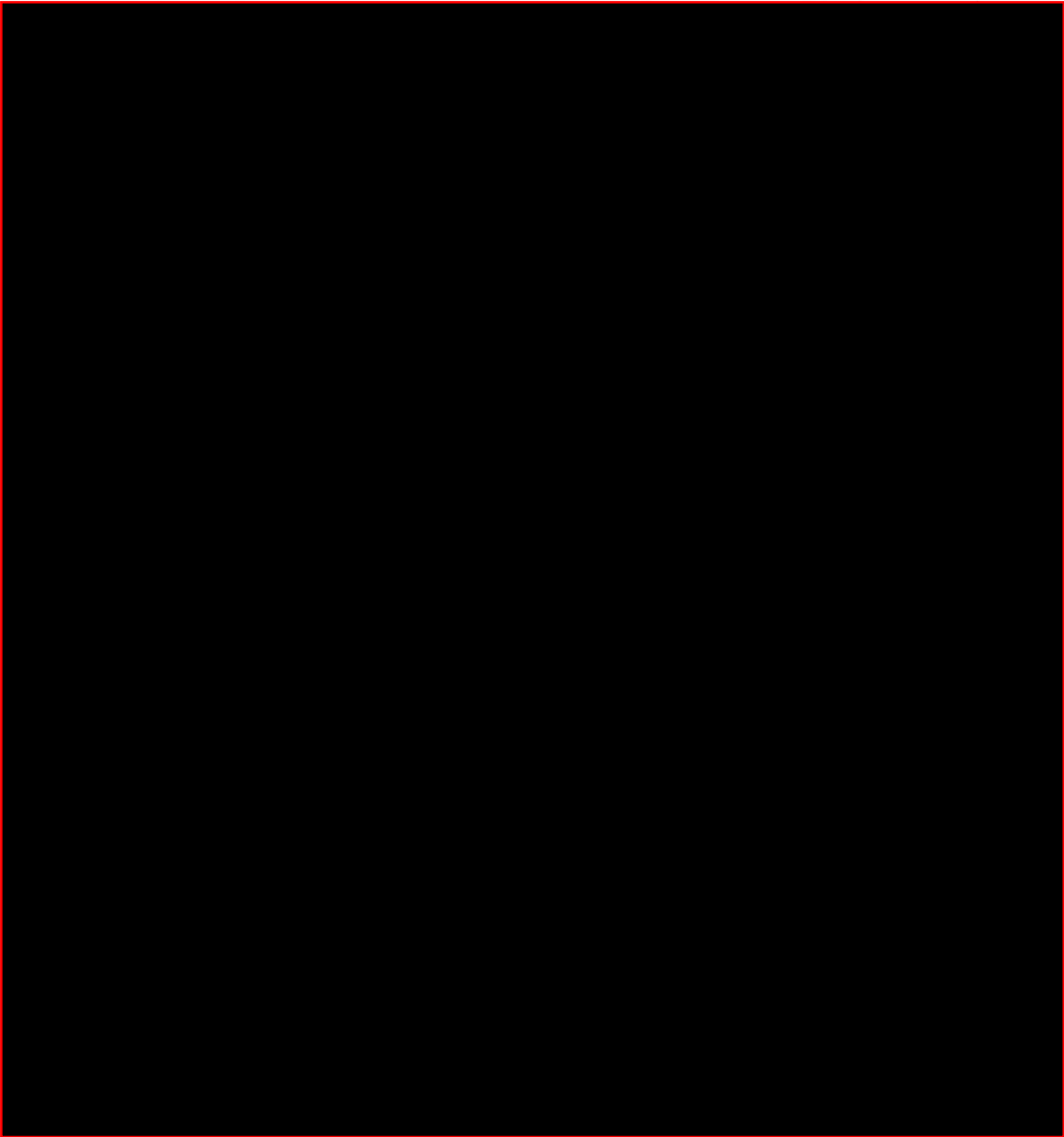
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HISTORICAL 5 YEAR PLAN SUBMITTED IN THE 2015 SUBMISSION

Five-Year network Improvement Plan

For Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.

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should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories". Madison County Telephone Company, Inc. ("MCTC") is a rate-of-return carrier ETC and hereby submits its five-year network improvement plan.

I. The Challenges Faced by the Company in Providing Voice and Broadband to its Rural Service Area

A. Description of the Company and its Service Area

Madison County Telephone Company's service area is located in Madison County, Arkansas. MCTC provides both voice and broadband to this areas. The serving area is very rural with extremely long loop lengths and low per subscriber per mile counts. The area is predominantly rural with farming and pulpwood productions being the main sources of income. Fayetteville is the major commercial center for the area. MCTC faces many challenges in providing services within its serving area, with the main difficulty being the amount of rock the company has to deal with when providing services. This factor, combined with the low population density, make construction complicated and expensive.

B. The Exchanges Contained Within the Company's Study Area

MCTC owns and operates four (4) exchanges in northwest Arkansas. These exchanges are Aurora, Forum, Kingston, and Huntsville.

II. The Company Has Used and Will Use Universal Service Support Only for the Intended Purpose

Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended requires ETCs to use Universal Service Support ("USF") only for the provision, maintenance, and

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upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Pursuant to Section 54.314 of the FCC's rules, in order for state-designated ETCs to receive USF for the coming year, states must annually file certifications by October 1 stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within the state " was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." ETCs not designated by the state must file similar certifications with the FCC.

In its USF/ICC Transformation Order, the FCC clarified that prior to making the Section 254(e) certifications, states should conduct a "rigorous examination of the factual information" contained in the annual Section 54.313 reports, of which the

five year network improvement plan and annual progress reports are a part, in determining whether they can certify that carriers' support has been used and will be used only for the purpose for which the support was intended. The FCC said that it would also use the reports to verify certifications filed by ETCs that are not state-designated. In this context, the Commission stated, " in light of the public interest obligations we adopt in this Order, a key component of the Section 254(E) certification will now be that support is being used to maintain and extend modern networks capable of providing voice and broadband service.

Essentially, under the existing rules and processes, the federal USF received by the Company and other incumbent rural telephone companies are, in fact, an integral part of the recovery of expenditures of rural incumbent local exchange carriers incurred in the provision, maintenance and upgrading of their provision of facilities and services for which the USF is intended. Madison County Telephone Company, Inc. depends upon its receipt and utilization of federal universal service

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support to provide rural telephone customers with affordable and quality voice and broadband services.

Accordingly, given the critical role the network improvement plan and the progress reports will have in the annual Section 254(e) certification process, Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.'s plan and progress reports will demonstrate not only how MCTC has used and will use USF not only for improvements and upgrades, but also for the provision and maintenance of the facilities and services to which the support was intended.

III. The Company's Five-Year Network Improvement Plan

When the Commission adopted its five-year plan requirements for FCC designated ETCs in its 2005 ETC Order, it set forth the following criteria as to how the ETC is

to describe with "specificity" the proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its service area:

(1) how signal quality, coverage, or capacity will improve due to the receipt of high-cost support throughout the area for which the ETC seeks designation; (2) the projected start date and completion date for each improvement and the estimated amount of investment for each project that is funded by high-cost support; (3) the specific geographic areas where the improvements will be made; and (4) the estimated population that will be served as a result of the improvements.

In that order, the FCC clarified that service quality improvements in the five-year plan "do not necessarily require additional construction of network facilities." Accordingly, the improvements listed in the plan may be projects related to the expansion of the network (one or multiple service), projects related to updating technology to accommodate new services or higher bandwidth or maintenance

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projects, such as to reduce trouble reports and replace outdated equipment. Additionally, in some cases, the projects may be ones that improve or upgrade the entire network rather than discrete areas within a study area or they may be ones that are ongoing projects that have no specific start and completion dates.

The instructions to the Form 481 state "recipients may describe where improvements are expected to occur by wire center or census block, as appropriate. To the extent no improvements are planned for specific areas, the five-year plan should so indicate." The instructions also require that in subsequent annual progress reports which must include the total amount of universal support received must provide this information "broken out separately by the amount spent on capital expenses and the amount spent on operating expenses."

Accordingly, the Company's five-year plan separately provides both capital expenditures and operating expenses.

A. The Company's Major Network Improvement Projects

Based upon this framework, Appendix A reflects Madison County Telephone Company, Inc.'s major network improvement projects for the five calendar years 2015 through 2019 along with the start and completion dates, capital cost, areas and population associated with those projects

B. How These Projects Will Improve the Network

Below is a detailed description of each project listed in the attached Part A.

Project 1 -

